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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter; Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; cited references A7-A10; Copy of International Search Report; copy of Written Opinion; Copy of International Preliminary Report on Patentability
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
4,488,398	12/18/1984	Noguchi
5,509,264	4/23/1996	Ito et al.
5,979,183	11/9/1999	Smith et al.
6,170,264 B1	1/9/2001	Viteri et al.
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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

1. International Search Report for PCT WO 2005/031136 published 18 November 2004;
2. Written Opinion for PCT WO 2005/031136 published 23 November 2004;
3. International Preliminary Report on Patentability for PCT WO 2005/031136 published 07 February 2006.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of

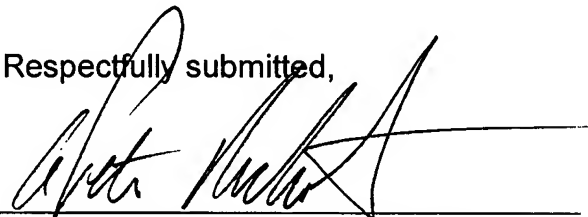
the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	4,488,398	12/18/1984	Noguchi		
	A2	5,509,264	4/23/1996	Ito et al.		
	A3	5,979,183	11/9/1999	Smith et al.		
	A4	6,170,264 B1	1/9/2001	Viteri et al.		
	A5	6,622,470 B2	9/23/2003	Viteri et al.		
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	A7	EP 0 831 205 A2	3/25/1998	Europe		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>	
	A8	International Search Report for PCT WO 2005/031136 published 18 November 2004
	A9	Written Opinion for PCT WO 2005/031136 published 23 November 2004
	A10	International Preliminary Report on Patentability for PCT WO 2005/031136 published 07 February 2006

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